

COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: DISCUSSION AMONG SUPPORTERS OF ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON
OF PLANS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT CRISTIANI AND OTHER
POLITICAL FIGURES

DOI: EARLY AUGUST 1990

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TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY AUGUST 1990 NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY MEMBERS CLOSE TO ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WERE DISCUSSING WAYS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)), HIS CLOSEST PERSONAL ADVISORS AND SELECTED CABINET MINISTERS. ONE POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED WAS ASSASSINATING CRISTIANI AND HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES AT A SOCIAL EVENT. ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN, CRISTIANI, HIS ADVISORS AND SELECTED CABINET MEMBERS WOULD BE INVITED TO AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL EVENT WHICH WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS. DURING THE COURSE OF THE EVENT, THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS WOULD KILL THEIR INTENDED TARGETS AND ESCAPE.

2. A SECOND POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED INVOLVED KILLING CRISTIANI AND HIS ASSOCIATES DURING A FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) OFFENSIVE. THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS BELIEVE THAT, SHOULD ANOTHER FMLN OFFENSIVE OCCUR, IT WOULD BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSASSINATE CRISTIANI AND HIS ADVISORS. ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN, D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS COULD ASSASSINATE THEIR INTENDED TARGETS USING THE CONFUSION OF AN FMLN OFFENSIVE AS CONCEALMENT OF THE ACT. THE ASSASSINATIONS WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE BLAMED ON THE FMLN. THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS COMPARED THIS PLAN TO THE ALLEGED MILITARY KILLING OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS ON 15 NOVEMBER 1989, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS ARE CONFIDENT THEIR INVOLVEMENT WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT D'AUBUISSON IS FRUSTRATED OVER HIS INABILITY TO PENETRATE THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICES DUE TO THE VIRTUAL BLOCKADE PRESENTED BY CRISTIANI'S "INNER CIRCLE." D'AUBUISSON'S LOYALISTS WITHIN ARENA ARE PROBABLY REACTING TO D'AUBUISSON'S OUTWARD MANIFESTATION OF THIS FRUSTRATION AND HAVE BEGUN TO DISCUSS MEANS BY WHICH THEY CAN ELIMINATE THE SOURCE OF D'AUBUISSON'S PROBLEMS, I.E., CRISTIANI, HIS ADVISORS, AND SELECTED CABINET MINISTERS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT IN MIND THAT MANY OF D'AUBUISSON'S LOYALISTS ARE POLITICALLY UNSOPHISTICATED AND QUICK TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE TO REMEDY THEIR PROBLEMS, WHICH MAKES THEM ALL THE MORE DANGEROUS.)
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